

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Fran Marcum upon
being named "Mrs. Democrat" by the Highland
Rim Democrat Club.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community and political leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Fran Marcum, who has been honored by the Highland Rim Democrat Club as "Mrs. Democrat"; and

WHEREAS, A native of Coffee County, Ms. Marcum has been an active supporter of Democratic efforts in the county and throughout the state for many years; she campaigned for the Democratic nomination to represent the Fourth District in the United States House of Representatives this past year; and

WHEREAS, Upon her graduation from Peabody College, Ms. Marcum taught school for seven years before accepting, in conjunction with her mother, the management duties of Micro Craft, an aerospace engineering company founded by her father; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Ms. Marcum, Micro Craft grew from a company of 25 employees to more than 600, creating jobs for the region, contributing to national defense

systems through research and development, and becoming a leader in aerospace engineering and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Fran Marcum subsequently retired from her duties as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Micro Craft; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her years of service for Micro Craft, Ms. Marcum has served as a Director, and twice Chair, of the Nashville Branch of Atlanta's Federal Reserve System Bank; and

WHEREAS, As the current managing partner of Marcum Capital, she provides invaluable guidance and support for new businesses and technologies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marcum has maintained close ties to her background in education, as she has served in such capacities as Chairman of the Motlow College Foundation and a member and former President of the Hands-On Science Center's Board of Directors, and she has been involved with the Tullahoma Educational Foundation for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, She also supports her alma mater as a member of the Peabody College Alumni Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marcum continues to emphasize the importance and vitality of women in business as a member of the Committee of 200, an international organization comprised of women executives and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, She remains an active force in the world of aerospace engineering as a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the Industry Advisory Board for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marcum's brilliant career rarely has gone unrecognized: she has received a number of awards, including the National Management Association's Silver Knight Award in 2000, and the Tullahoma Business and Professional Women's "Business Woman of the Year" Award in 1991; she was the first woman invited to become a member of the Tullahoma Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her stellar work as a businesswoman, Ms. Marcum also takes the time to assist those less fortunate than she: she helped found and sits on the Board of "Partners for Healing," a free medical clinic for the employed but uninsured citizens of Coffee County and their families, and she is a member of the University of Tennessee Women Philanthropists; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marcum is a member of the First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, She is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Dan; she looks to the love she witnessed between her parents, the late Charles and Evelyn Folk, as a model for her own marriage; and

WHEREAS, Fran Marcum epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Marcum for her dedication to her profession and to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Ms. Fran Marcum upon her being honored as "Mrs. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democrat Club. We thank her for her service to the people of Tennessee, and we wish her every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.